

*Phylloscopus collybita exsul*. Lanzarote Chiffchaff.

*Phylloscopus collybita exsul* Hartert, Vög. pal. Faun. i. 1907, p. 505—Type locality: Lanzarote.

A Resident subspecies.

*Hab. in Archipelago.*

*Eastern Group*: Lanzarote.

*Obs.* Confined to this island.

*Range beyond the Archipelago.*

Does not occur.

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## VII.—Obituary.

### THOMAS ALGERNON DORRIEN-SMITH.

We learn with regret that Mr. T. A. Dorrien-Smith, the Lord Proprietor of the Scilly Islands, died on 6 August last at Tresco Abbey. He was elected a Member of the Union in 1904.

Born in 1846 at Berkhamsted, the son of the late Col. R. A. Smith-Dorrien, Mr. Dorrien-Smith was educated at Harrow, and served for some years in the 10th Hussars and afterwards in the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. In 1872 he succeeded his uncle, the late Mr. Augustus Smith of Tresco Abbey, and for many years M.P. for Truro, as Lord Proprietor of the Scilly Islands. During the rest of his life he made his home in Scilly and devoted himself to the care and improvement of the wonderful subtropical gardens at Tresco, which had been laid out by his uncle. He also did a great deal for the inhabitants of the islands by introducing the early cultivation of flowers and vegetables for the London market.

His son, Mr. A. Dorrien-Smith, himself a well-known botanist, writes as follows:—

“He was much interested in natural history and birds in particular, but before his time most of the rarer birds shot in the islands were sent to Mr. R. Rodd, of Trebatha, Cornwall. Among these was included the Purple Heron, which has been seen since, but not destroyed.

On my father's accession he started a collection of birds killed in the islands, confining the collection to the rarer migrants, but he was always careful to protect any species already included in his collection. To ornithologists the collection in the Abbey is a most interesting one, and comprises the Greater Yellowlegs (*Totanus melanoleucus*), the Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*), the Solitary Sandpiper (*Totanus solitarius*), and White's Thrush (*Turdus aureus*). The Hawks are well represented, and include the Common Kite and Lesser Kestrel, the Iceland and Greenland Falcons, and the White-tailed Eagle. The islands lend themselves naturally to visitations of various Waders, and there are large tracts of sandy beaches, dunes, and fresh-water marshes.

"My father was by no means a scientific naturalist, but was always a keen observer of birds and quick to detect an unfamiliar flight or note, and in this he was ably supported by David Smith, his keeper, who at the age of 86 knocked the Yellow-browed Warbler down with his stick in a bramble-bush and secured it."

In medieval days Scilly was a monastic property, and in 1687 it was granted by the Crown to Sidney Godolphin, the well-known statesman of the Restoration. It remained in the Godolphin family until 1831, when Mr. Augustus Smith became the lessee or Lord Proprietor.

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#### VIII.—*Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.*

##### *Beebe's Jungle Peace.*

[Jungle Peace. By William Beebe. Illustrated from photographs. Pp. x+297. New York (Henry Holt), 1918. 8vo.]

Under this title Captain Beebe sends us a volume of essays most of which have already appeared in the 'Atlantic Monthly.' They deal with scenes and incidents of his recent journeys to South America, the greater number of them relating to British Guiana. The title derives from the fact that Captain Beebe re-visited these